IN THE CLAIMS

This is a complete and current listing of the claims, marked with status identifiers in parentheses. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~conducting~~ a clinical study, ~~(2)~~ in which ~~the~~ an occurrence of an event ~~(14, 52)~~ during the study ~~(2) necessitates~~elicits collaboration ~~(39)~~ between responsible study personnel ~~(8a-d, 50a-d)~~, ~~with the following steps~~the method comprising:

~~—~~ receiving the event ~~(14, 52) is communicated to~~at a collaboration system ~~(4),~~;

~~—~~ identifying, via the collaboration system and on the basis of parameters assigned to the event ~~(4)~~, ~~on the basis of parameters (16a-e) assigned to the event (14, 52), identifies~~ a group ~~(37)~~ of responsible study personnel ~~(8a-d, 50a-d) who are~~ needed for the collaboration ~~(39),~~;

~~—~~ providing, via the collaboration system, ~~(4) provides~~ a communications platform ~~(36)~~ for the group to undertake the collaboration ~~(37),~~;

~~— the group (37) undertakes the collaboration (39) using the communications platform (36),~~and

~~—~~ checking, via the collaboration system, ~~(4) checks~~ the collaboration ~~(39)~~ on the basis of ~~preestablished~~ verification criteria ~~(45)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, ~~in which~~wherein the collaboration system ~~(4)~~, as a communications platform ~~(36)~~, provides a central information bus and provides each responsible study personnel member ~~(8a-d, 50a-d)~~ of the group ~~(37)~~ with an information channel ~~(38a-d, 54a-d)~~ to the information bus.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~in which~~ wherein

~~—~~the collaboration system ~~(4)~~, ~~using the parameters (16a-e) assigned to the event,~~

~~Ascertains~~ascertains, using the parameters assigned to the event, available data ~~(28)~~ needed for collaboration ~~(39)~~ that are in at least one of a database ~~(24)~~ containing medical knowledge and ~~or in~~ a study database ~~(32)~~,

~~—~~extracts the data ~~(28, 46, 48)~~ from the database ~~(24, 32)~~, and

~~—~~makes the data ~~(28, 26, 48)~~ available to the group ~~(37)~~ on the communications platform ~~(36)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, ~~in which~~wherein the collaboration system ~~(4)~~, using the parameters ~~(16a-e)~~ assigned to the event ~~(14, 52)~~, establishes a content or time framework for the collaboration ~~(39)~~ and communicates this to the group ~~(37)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4, ~~in which~~wherein the collaboration system uses at least one of ~~the~~ content ~~or~~ and time framework as a verification criterion ~~(45)~~ and, when the collaboration ~~(39)~~ is over, checks compliance with the verification criteria ~~(45)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, in which~~ claim 1, wherein a person who was not involved in the study prior to the occurrence of the event ~~(14, 52)~~ is included in the study ~~(2)~~ and in the group ~~(37)~~, as a responsible personnel member.

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~one of~~ claim~~s~~ 1 ~~to 6~~, ~~in which~~wherein the event is a prompt ~~(52)~~ for collaboration ~~(39)~~ which is defined within the framework of the study.

8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~one of~~ claim~~s~~ 1~~ to 6~~, ~~in which~~wherein the event is an unforeseeable event ~~(14)~~ arising during the study.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 8, ~~in which~~wherein the event ~~(14, 52)~~ is found by a monitoring system combing through the study database ~~(32)~~ data ~~(46, 48)~~ for anything striking.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~one of the preceding claims, in which~~claim 1, wherein the collaboration ~~(39)~~ is documented.

11. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~one of the preceding claims, in which~~ the collaboration ~~(39)~~ is archived.

12. (New) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the collaboration system,

ascertains, using the parameters assigned to the event, available data needed for collaboration that are in at least one of a database containing medical knowledge and a study database,

extracts the data from the database, and

makes the data available to the group on the communications platform.

13. (New) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the collaboration system, using the parameters assigned to the event, establishes a content or time framework for the collaboration and communicates this to the group.

14. (New) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the collaboration system, using the parameters assigned to the

event, establishes a content or time framework for the collaboration and communicates this to the group.

15. (New) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the event is a prompt for collaboration which is defined within the framework of the study.

16. (New) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the event is an unforeseeable event arising during the study.

17. (New) A collaboration system for a clinical study, in which an occurrence of an event during the study elicits collaboration between responsible study personnel, the collaboration system comprising:

means for receiving the event;

means for identifying, on the basis of parameters assigned to the event, a group of responsible study personnel needed for the collaboration;

means for providing a communications platform for the group to undertake the collaboration; and

means for checking the collaboration on the basis of verification criteria.